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From left, Aria Cosh, Dylan Cosh, Jeff Martin, Cohen Carpenter, Andrew Isidori, Tyler Martin, Jenn McGovern, Jorge Orjuela, Shawn Walker, Quinn Carpenter and Chelsea Cosh collected toys, food and cash donations during the Minden Hills Fire Department's annual Food and Toy Drive for the Minden Community Food Centre. See more photos on page 3. /KAREN LONDON Staff

Minden resident vexed her election information was invalid

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Minden resident Michele Bishop believes in the importance of taking part in the electoral process, but she didn't vote in the last municipal election.

That's because Bishop couldn't vote, despite having lived in the township since she bought a house there in 2017.

She received her two-page voter instruc-

tion form in the mail. It had her PIN to access Internet voting and details on how she could vote by way of telephone if that was preferable.

Life's daily tasks kept her from the polls until about 6 p.m. And she said she had unread candidate information that she wanted to go through so as to inform her choice.

Voting in the municipal election took place until 8 p.m. but she couldn't leave her house to travel to a location to mark a ballot in person.

"I was engaged in other things," she said. "I had dinner on the stove and those kinds of things."

Electronic and telephone voting are supposed to make it easier for people with busy lives to be able to vote, to have a voice in the electoral process.

When she logged into online voting, her PIN identified her as an invalid voter, she said. She got the same result when she tried telephone voting. "I normally don't get bent out of shape about many things," she said,

"but that's my voting right."

Bishop has been trying to find out ever since the election, how it could've been that she was deemed an invalid user.

"I asked them in my email for a full explanation about and a reply about how did it happen that I had an invalid PIN number?" she said.

Nothing but crickets in the way of feedback thus far.

Multiple attempts to connect with a rep-

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Regulations for short-term rentals still in county's sights

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Designing rules to govern short-term property rentals in Haliburton County has proven to be an arduous task.

The newly-elected county council received an update when it met Nov. 23 on progress made to regulate short-term rentals.

A consultant hired by the county prepared a final report for the previous county council's consideration in October. The consultant made a number of recommendations about the format of the draft registration and licensing bylaw.

Steve Stone, the county's director of planning, said staff will provide the new council with a detailed status report on this project in the near future. The primary purpose of that report will be to receive direction from this council on its priorities with respect to moving forward on this project.

During a delegation to county council, presenter Steve D'Eon spoke about the subject of short-term rentals (STRs). He described to council what some other municipalities and upper-tier councils have done to regulate the practice.

"It's not an easy issue," D'Eon said. "Municipalities all across vacationland Ontario struggle with (short-term rentals)."

Waterfront short-term rentals that are not zoned properly and are annoying their neighbours. They're waterfront properties that are rented to strangers to generate weekly income for the owners.

"The owner has no ties to the lake other than the income (the property) generates," D'Eon said.

The county doesn't know how many party

STRs it has operating within its boundaries. For the sake of argument, D'Eon said, assume there are as many as 3,000 properties are offered as STRs within the Haliburton region.

"The vast majority of these are not problem party houses," he said. "The good actors greatly contribute to the economy of Haliburton."

D'Eon said many people support STRs, but not the problem ones that are nuisances to neighbours.

What makes them problem properties in that they annoy neighbouring property owners, he said.

Generally, most STR operators are respectful and careful about who they rent to, D'Eon said. Regulations or licencing would punish the good and the bad STR operators.

Warden Liz Danielsen said county council recognizes there is a fine balance to maintain when trying to devise a suitable bylaw to govern STRs.

"Recognize the value of short-term rentals to our economy and that we're still struggling with the bylaw and (we) realize that there are still some things that need to be changed," she said.

Flood Plain Mapping nears completion

Planning Department staff submitted an application in September for funding through the Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Funding is being sought to cover the modeling and surveying work plan efforts of the two Conservation Authorities for 2023. Staff will update council early in the new year on

the project's progress and work plan for next summer.

The county's Flood Plain Mapping Project has been on-going since a 2017 flood. It received funding in 2019 and again in 2021.

Stone said the assembling of data will actually prepare a new flood risk assessment model for two watersheds: the Gull River and the Burnt River.

"That'll lead to more information as it relates to the hazards along those river systems," he said. "It'll generate actual visual mapping that county council can consider when they look at policy development."

Residents can also look at their own property to determine how much of risk they have, and possibly make adjustments.

"If you're one side of the line, you may want to move some structures out of that hazard, or you may want to fortify those structures," he said.

The new funding will enable the project to move forward to its final stages. That will be to create and make the model work.

"If those go successfully, the project will actually be concluded with the final presentation to county council of that model and the maps," Stone said.

The mapping could be incorporated into the county's Official Plan. And lower tier municipalities can use the information for zoning bylaws.

Councillor Bob Carter asked if any of the flood plain maps are available now.

"We were hoping to present to the previous county council on where we've gotten to with regards to our mapping," he said.

Such a presentation can be done early in the new year, he said.

Shoreline preservation needs council direction

The biggest project of the last term, in Stone's estimation, was developing the new Shoreline Preservation Bylaw. The new legislation takes a step further than the Shoreline Tree Preservation Bylaw, he said.

"That goes a little bit beyond the existing tree preservation bylaw in so far as it deal with more terrestrial alteration of the shorelines," he said.

The bylaw will come into effect on April 1, 2023, and will prohibit or regulate the destruction or injuring of trees and native vegetation. It will prohibit or regulate the placing or dumping of fill, the removal of topsoil, the alteration of the grade of land on county shoreline properties.

The applicable shoreline area is 20 metres from the high-water mark of lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

Planning Department staff spent much of the fall presenting the new bylaw to councils of the four townships.

Dysart et al deferred the county's delegation request pending a legal review of the bylaw. The other three municipalities are proceeding with adoptions of their delegation bylaws.

Stone said staff will provide county council with a detailed status report on this project in the near future. The primary purpose of that report will be to receive direction from this council on its priorities with respect to moving forward on this project.

"We're not making any assumptions as a staff with regards to that, and we would like your direction," he said.

Outbreak at Highland Wood Long-Term Care

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit declared a COVID-19 outbreak at Highland Wood Long-Term Care. There are currently two confirmed resident cases associated with the outbreak on Nov. 23.

As a result of the outbreak, six Highland Wood residents have been isolated. The home is also now closed to any further admissions and general visitors. All outings will be cancelled unless it is for a medical appointment. Volunteers are also restricted from entering the home at this time. Essential

caregivers may continue to visit.

HHHS will continue to maintain important Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) measures, including mandatory masking in all resident care areas, mandatory vaccination, regular surveillance testing before entry into long-term care facilities, and enhanced cleaning at Highland Wood Long-Term Care.

Services in the Haliburton Hospital remain unaffected by this outbreak and community members in need of care should not hesitate to seek assistance.

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Minden woman left in the dark on voting

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representative of the township have been unsuccessful.

"There was a mix-up," Bishop said. "I was speaking to one of the candidates, actually."

In the lead-up to the election, Bishop spoke with one of the candidates and learned that she should have gotten a voter information card. The candidate to whom Bishop spoke reached out to the municipality on Bishop's behalf.

"The town called me and, within two days, I had my form," Bishop said.

But, she said, the township staff didn't know why Bishop wasn't on the voter list

with them.

"They (town staff) encountered a problem that perplexed them," she said. "They could not come up with an answer about why I was not listed with them."

Bishop said she was told the omission had been corrected and she received her voter card about a week before Oct. 24, the final day to vote.

"Since Oct. 25, I've been looking for an answer as to why I couldn't vote," she said.

Though she can't confirm other residents had experienced the same difficulty casting a vote, Bishop said she's heard there were others with invalid PINs.

"I wasn't the only one," she said.



What up, Grinches?

Ariel Weiss and Jaklin Johnston of Up River Trading Co. were getting in the holiday spirit during the Annual Minden Up River Open House on Nov. 26. The Haliburton Open House is on Dec. 3 from 8:30 to 5:30 p.m. /Photo submitted



Happy elves helping out at the Minden Firefighters toy and food drive. All donations will be given right back to the community.

Adding joys and toys to the season

The Minden Hills Fire Department hosted their annual Food and Toy Drive on Nov. 27. The group started at Canadian Tire in Minden before driving around the community. In total, they collected 20 boxes of toys and food, and raised \$315 to donate to the Minden Community Food Centre. "I can't thank everyone enough that came out and helped us in the pouring rain," said Fire Captain Jenn McGovern, "I absolutely love this community and so grateful to live and work here." /Photos submitted by Jenn McGovern



Shawn Walker of the Minden Fire Department, getting in the Christmas spirit.



Don Veno, right, Chairman of the Board for the Minden Community Food Centre, accepted a food, toy and cash donation on Monday, Nov. 29. from the Minden Hills Fire Department. /KAREN LONDON Staff

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Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Members of the Public will participate electronically, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

December 8 – Regular Council Meeting

January 12 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting; please download by visiting our website at mindenhills.ca/council/. Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.

WINTER PARKING

From Nov 1st to Apr 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots.

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As you plan for the holidays, consider no-waste options for gift-wrap. Try wrapping gifts in tea towels, t-shirts, reusable bags, or decorative jars. You can also use paper waste as wrapping and decorate it for the season with your family. Get creative and use your imagination!

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- Snow tires
- Sand and small shovel
- Tow rope and reflectors
- Windshield washer fluid
- A bag with a blanket, cell phone power pack and cord, first aid kit, flashlight, hot paws, and snacks

BASC and Trent University to host summit

by CHRIS DROST
Times Staff

The Bancroft Area Stewardship Council (BASC) and Trent University are working in partnership to bring an exciting new event to the region on Mar. 31, 2023: the BASC Environmental Youth Summit at the Visitor Centre in Algonquin Park.

Just prior to COVID-19 rearing its face in early 2020, BASC had been planning the first Environmental Youth Summit for April of that year. After months of planning, it suddenly had to be cancelled and everything put on the back-burner, but not forgotten.

Earlier this year, BASC director, Steve Wilkins, reached out to contacts at Trent University to broach the idea of a joint effort to resurrect the idea of an environmental summit in what he describes as, “one of the world’s largest classrooms,” Algonquin Park.

During the months that followed, Trent University got on board and is now helping to spearhead the event by dedicating staff to the many logistics that are required to pull off a meaningful event.

Final confirmation is expected shortly for use of the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre for the day of the event. “We will be very grateful for the use of this great facility,” said Wilkins.

The group has also been working in collaboration with Robert Craftchick, Algonquin negotiations representative with the Algonquins of Ontario, Ontario Parks and the Friends of Algonquin Park.

The theme for this year’s Environmental Youth Summit is *Youth + Careers + Climate Change*. “The goal is to work with youth in particular, to culture and foster their relationship with the natural world. We hope this event will inspire local youth to visualize paths that they can take that will result in local careers,” said the organizers.

The tentative schedule for the day includes a number of break-out sessions featuring guest speakers with a wealth of knowledge and experience in everything from forestry, to adventure tourism, to wildlife research, and more. Some of the break-out sessions are expected to include an outdoor component. A panel discussion is planned for later in the day.

The speaker list has not yet been fully confirmed, but Trent and BASC are working diligently to invite speakers who will connect with the youth and offer insight into what they do, and how to take a path that will lead to a career in environmental studies.

The target audience for the Environmental Youth Summit is university and high school students. The planning group is currently preparing to send out letters to school principals at



Algonquin Park, described as the “the world’s largest classroom,” will be the site of the BASC Environmental Summit on Mar. 31, 2023, a joint effort with Trent University. The theme will be Youth + Careers + Climate Change, and will target both university students, and high school age youth from Haliburton to Bancroft and Barry’s Bay. Photo courtesy of Dannielle Switzer

the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, North Hastings High School and Madawaska Valley District High School. The plan is to have buses running from each of those locations, Haliburton, Bancroft and Barry’s Bay, as well as one from the Peterborough area.

Organizers are currently reaching out to potential sponsors to help cover such costs as bussing and food.

The goal is to fill the Algonquin Visitor Centre with ap-

proximately 100-150 attendees. The public is also invited to attend. Tickets will be available in the coming months on Eventbrite.

For more information, or if you are interested in learning more about sponsoring this learning opportunity for area youth, contact Matthew Walmsley, Student Experience Coordinator Department of Co-op, Careers and Experiential Learning, at mwalmsley@trentu.ca.

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Haliburton County Master Gardeners recognized as Enviro-Heroes

A group of horticulturalists have been giving advice to new and seasoned gardeners in the Highlands for 20 years.

Eileen Hughes, Winnie Kasepчук and Pauline Plooard have been with the group since its inception.

"It's been a deeply satisfying experience for me," said 89 year old Hughes. "I've divided hostas and rescued native lupines from the ditch for our plant sale, made presentations to our local horticultural society and in the very earliest days fundraised door to door."

The organization develops resources and programs specific to the challenging growing conditions of the Haliburton Highlands region. For this work, they were recognized by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) as Enviro-Heroes.

At their year-end meeting on Nov. 17, Joan Duhaime from the HHLT presented them with a certificate and praised them for their many initiatives including their work to educate the public about the importance of native plants to the ecological integrity of the region.

The two years of the pandemic did not slow the group down. With help from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), they overhauled their website, and it's packed with information for northern gardeners, an online garden questionnaire and an events calendar listing local initiatives and garden related webinars. There are lots of free downloads available as well, including a directory of plants native to the region.

"The award winning work that we do today was built on the foundation that was laid over the last 20 years by many members with deep knowledge and hands in the dirt experience," said Carolyn Langdon, coordinator of the group.

One of their most requested programs is the on-site property consultation. While they will give advice on any gardening issue, the big demand is for practical information on how to conserve or restore a shoreline or other area of a property that has little vegetation or has been overrun with invasive plants like goutweed or periwinkle.

"In the last three years, we've undertaken 50 site visits and inspired people to protect their land and water by naturalizing and planting more native plants to restore the broken food web,



Joan Duhaime from the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, left, presented the Haliburton County Master Gardeners with a certificate for their "Enviro Heroes" award. The certificate was presented to Marilyn Whittaker, back row from left, Carolyn Langdon, Dinah Wilson, Merryn Camphausen, and front row from left, Deb Barnhart and Pauline Plooard. Missing members were Eileen Hughes, Winnie Kasepчук, Lee Ann Hobson, Lori Anderson, Alison Squire, Maureen Moore, Shelia Currie, Shelley Fellows, and Rita Dadzis. / Submitted

particularly along the their shoreline," said Langdon.

A popular new initiative launched this year by the HCMG was the Heritage Apple Project which was undertaken in partnership with the University of Guelph. Heritage apple trees were genetically identified as well as feral apple trees with a lineage dating back to the early settlement of the Highlands. How delicious is that?

In the works for next year is a self-guided audio tour about

the role of plants in ecosystem restoration along the Minden Riverwalk, a project in partnership with HCDC, the Township of Minden Hills, U-links and the business community.

For more information about the Haliburton County Master Gardeners, please visit www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca or look them up on Facebook.

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Home is where the heart is

HELLO, MINDEN.
I think I know most of you. If not, my name is Emily, and I am pleased to be stepping into the role as editor for the Minden Times.

I am mostly local. I moved to Haliburton County with my family at the age of four, so I know for many of you, that means I am a visitor, but I can assure you, I am here to stay.

I grew up in the highlands, down a dirt driveway on the Harburn Road, where I caught fireflies on late August evenings, cut down a spindly Christmas tree in the backyard, and became accustomed to walking up icy hills when even the four-wheel-drive didn't cut it. My heart beats in the highlands.

When I was 16, before leaving for the allure of the bright lights in the big city, I was a co-op student at the Haliburton Echo and Minden Times. Each day, I would walk from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, to a little corner desk at the Echo offices. I shared an office with Greg Hoekstra, Matt James, and Jenn Watt, with Martha Perkins in the room beside us. This group of people inspired me. They didn't see the small town I grew up in as just another small town; they saw it for the stories, the celebrations, the people. They saw the heart and soul of the Haliburton Highlands, and they shared that through their words.

I left the community when I was freshly 18, and spent a decade learning new things, meeting new people, and living in new places and spaces.

Through each endeavour, my heart

ached for the highlands. I do not regret a single step I took though, because each and every one of them subconsciously had me walking back towards my home.

I returned five years ago, and have spent that time exploring a variety of jobs, creating a family, and settling into a little farmhouse in the heart of Minden.

And now, it's my turn to hear your stories. To share in your joy, to feel in your pain. I am deeply honoured that I can act as a conduit for content; a vessel for your voices.

Because that's what a newspaper does. It's not all about the news and timely updates. A good newspaper listens to people, it speaks to people, it honours people. A good newspaper holds the heart of a community.

And wow, does this community ever have heart. Minden steps

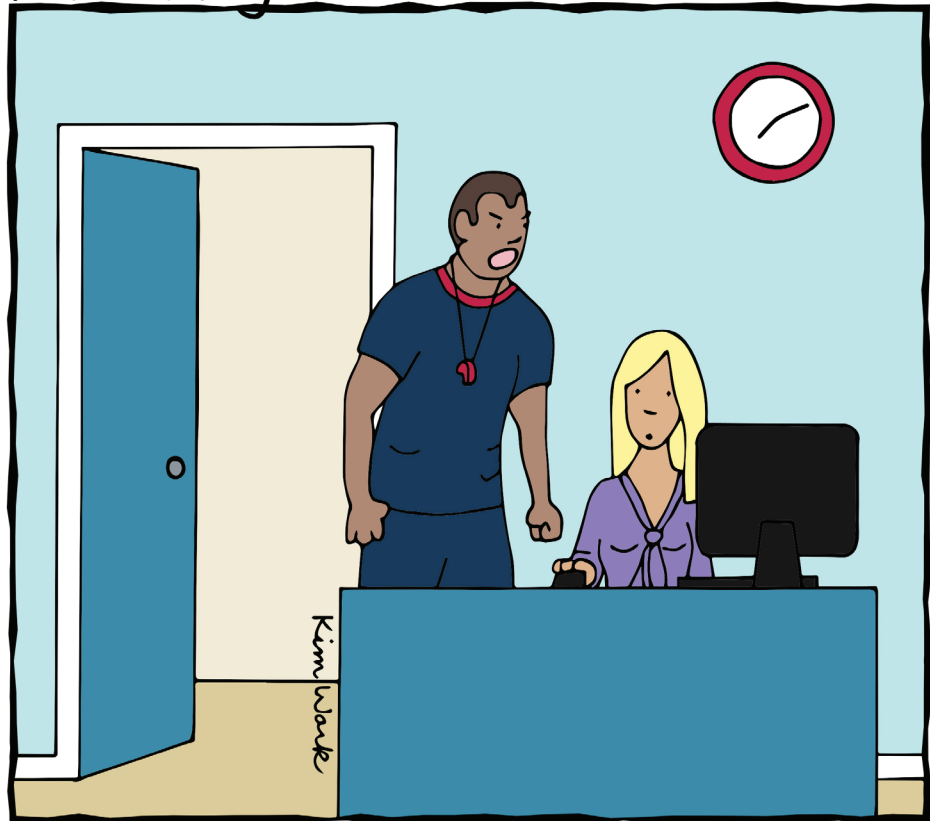
up. That heart comes in the form of sandbagging a neighbour's yard during a flood, and flooding a backyard rink for local kids to skate. It comes in the form of a week-long Pride celebration, and waving to your friends as they float down the Gull River. It's smiling at an elementary school teacher in the grocery store, and when the coffee shop knows your order every morning. These are the stories worth telling. Stories of people, of passions, of pride.

If we haven't met yet, please feel free to reach out to emily@haliburtonpress.com. I'd love to meet you.

Thank you again for being here. I can't wait to hear your story.

**EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

Kwarky



"I'm your work coach, Ann! Gimme two reports and four email replies! Go, go, go!"

That thing you needed

A LOT OF people look forward to the end of deer season because it means that there will hopefully be venison in the freezer, another pile of good memories, and a few days where you don't feel too guilty about sleeping in or enjoying the warmth of your living room on a frigid, wet day.

I look forward to the end of deer season, because I know that's when I will find that thing I needed during deer season.

This year, that thing happens to be a knife I bought in summer. This knife would have been just the ticket for field dressing and skinning a deer, since it was expertly designed for just that task. That's why I bought it.

Ever since that day, I had been looking forward to giving this knife a try on the deer I hoped to harvest this year. I was hoping that would work so well that I might be able to retire my old hunting knife.

But, of course, when this year's buck was down and in need of field dressing, and later skinning, that knife was no where to be found. That's probably because I put it in a place where I would not forget it.

What I failed to remember is that I am 60. And when you are 60, there is no such place.

The good news is, I will almost certainly find that knife this weekend. You see, that's when I plan to put away all my deer hunting gear until next deer season. And, if more than 40 years of deer hunting has taught me anything, it is that this is the time when you stumble upon the thing

you were looking for all deer season.

It will probably be in the pocket of a jacket I wore all season. Or it might be at the bottom of the storage bin I keep my deer hunting clothes in. I might also be on the desk I am now sitting at, less than an arm's length away, buried under a stack of papers. But mark my words. By the time I finish putting all my deer hunting stuff away, that new knife will be on top of that pile – ready for me to lose it again next year.

As any outdoorsman or woman can confirm there is a "that thing I needed" for every season. For me, during last trout season, it was that one box filled with my never-fail, favourite flies. During the turkey season, it was my turkey call chalk. During bass season it was my fly box full of bomber flies. And, as you would expect, the minute each those seasons ended, I found each "thing that I needed."

This year, I am still missing my favourite duck hunting face mask. And I can't yet find my best upland hunting vest. But don't worry, as soon as both seasons end, I'll find each of them. They will probably be sitting in plain sight.

In other years, "that thing I needed" has been a compass, a handheld GPS unit, (you'd think these things wouldn't get lost), or a certain shotgun choke, a sweater, and gloves. Interestingly, I never lose anything that is camouflaged.

This is not a complaint, so much as a bit of friendly advice to all the new outdoorswomen and men out there. Don't worry. You're sure to find the find you needed most. Exactly when you need it least.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

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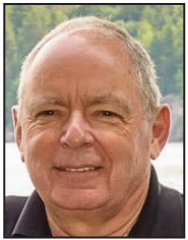
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Who will stop the Russians?

IF I THROW stones at my neighbours relaxing on their backyard patio, other neighbours witnessing the crime will rush in to stop me.

If I take wire cutters and cut the power lines bringing light, heat and electricity to cook food, police will take away my cutters, put me in handcuffs and drag me off for punishment.

Sad Vlad Putin continues to fire hundreds of missiles into Ukraine, killing thousands of civilians, but Ukraine's friends and neighbours have done nothing to stop him.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

Some countries have imposed sanctions, but these are aimed at damaging the Russian economy and have not stopped the killing. It's like taking credit cards away from a mass murderer.

More than 6,500 Ukrainian civilians have been murdered by Russian armed forces and their weapons since Russia invaded the country in February. That figure comes from the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Ukraine prosecutor general says that 437 children have been killed and 853 wounded in the Russian onslaught. Another 200 to 300 have gone missing and thousands have been deported to Russia, some of them

put up for adoption.

Nicholas Kristof, a respected American journalist, reported last week that some Ukrainian children were enticed by Russian occupiers to attend a free summer camp. They were taken to Russia and not seen since.

This is a war against Ukrainian civilians. Putin wants to eliminate their country, their language and their culture. (Sound familiar?)

He wants them to be Russians living on land transformed into Russia.

The Kremlin admits it is making civilians suffer, but only because their government refuses to submit to Moscow's wishes.

Putin is bombing and shelling Ukrainian apartment buildings so the people have no place to live. He has bombed infrastructure that provides light, heat and water. By depriving them of food, shelter, and warmth he hopes to terrify them into accepting Russia.

As of the first week of November, 7.8 million Ukrainians have had to flee their country, according to the UN. This has created Europe's largest refugee crisis since the Second World War.

No country has taken any direct action to stop Putin's massacre for one reason – fear. Putin has threatened nuclear war if any country tries to stop him from overrunning Ukraine. We are all terrified that he will start setting off the Big Ones.

Maybe he will. Maybe he won't. But we should not let his nuclear bomb threats stop the world from taking whatever action is needed to end Russian atrocities in Ukraine.

If Putin's nuclear gambit is successful, and he destroys Ukraine without other countries trying to stop him, he will have encouraged other nuclear-armed totalitarian states.

China continues to threaten Taiwan. North Korea continues to threaten South Korea and others by test firing missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads to North America.

The longer Putin is allowed to get away with his Ukraine savagery, the more these others smile, thinking: "If Putin can get away with it, so can we."

Yes, stopping Putin could start a nuclear war.

We've been living with nuclear fear since the 1962 Cuban missile crisis when the Soviet Union began installing nuclear missiles sites in Cuba. Our nuclear anxiety heightens as more totalitarian regimes, ruled by psychopaths like Putin, develop nuclear capabilities.

The question for the world is clear: Do we continue to tsk, tsk the Russian killing, maiming and overall horrid suffering inflicted on innocent Ukraine civilians and their children? Or, do we step in with military or whatever else it takes to stop Putin's massacre and risk nuclear war?

It is immoral to stand by watching the horrors of Russia's war on Ukrainian civilians.

World leaders appear to be hoping that Russians themselves stop the war against Ukrainians.

There is an anti-war movement in Russia, but anyone hoping it will stop Putin is only dreaming. Restrictions on protests, including arrests and jail time, have resulted in it being ineffective.

Many Russians who do not support the invasion of Ukraine have moved from their homeland because they cannot speak out against it. Close to one million Russian citizens and residents are said to have emigrated, many fearing criminal prosecution for opposing the invasion or being conscripted to fight in the war.



For Giving Tuesday, United Way for City of Kawartha Lakes launched a new Adopt a Crop fundraiser where all proceeds go towards United Way CKL's food security and food literacy project. /Submitted

United Way launches Adopt a Crop

The United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes launched a new fundraiser on Giving Tuesday, Nov. 29. Adopt a Crop will provide individuals and organizations with the opportunity to sponsor or "adopt" a crop at Edwin Binney's Community Garden, UWCKL's food security and food literacy project.

All proceeds from Adopt a Crop sponsorships go towards Edwin Binney's Community Garden, United Way CKL's food security and food literacy project. This project was started in 2019 on unused land on the Crayola Canada property. Over 50,000 pounds of produce has been donated to 20 organizations with food programs and 11 food banks in the last four years.

This fundraiser will be ongoing until all sponsorships are claimed for the 2023 growing season.

Sponsorships will be available each year, with sponsors from the previous year receiving right of first refusal to adopt their crop again.

Emily Beall, co-executive director, said, "Running a farm as a non-profit is a major investment of time and resources, we've been incredibly fortunate to have corporate and individual donors to help us with our work in tackling local food insecurity. This season we produced more food than ever before;

over \$40,000 worth of fresh produce that was donated into our communities across the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton. Adopt a Crop is an effort to involve the community more, while also ensuring we have the means to maintain the garden, grow nutrient rich foods, and provide educational opportunities."

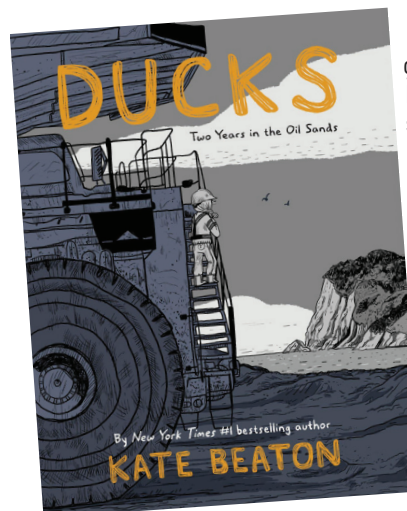
There are 25 crops available for adoption under five sponsorship categories. To learn more about this fundraiser visit www.ckl-unitedway.ca/adopt-a-crop.

About United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes

United Way is one of 76 local United Way Centraide offices serving more than 5,000 communities across Canada, each registered as its own non-profit organization and governed by an independent volunteer-led local Board of Directors. Locally and nationally, our goal is the same – to create opportunities for a better life for everyone in our communities. Our office proudly serves the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County. To learn more, visit <https://ckl-unitedway.ca/>.

Submitted by United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes

HCPL's Book of the Week



Canadian cartoonist Kate Beaton makes her graphic novel debut with this powerful and humane book about her experiences working in Alberta's oil sands. When the newly graduated Beaton returns home to Cape Breton Island in 2005, she is looking for a way to pay off her student debts. She heads out west to take one of the jobs that the booming oil rush provides, living in camps run by the world's largest oil companies. Here she experiences an interplay of loneliness and isolation, class and gender dynamics, and both environmental and human degradation. Told skillfully and with grace, Beaton's graphic memoir blends social and political stories with deeply personal ones. Available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Summer theatre is alive and thriving in Haliburton Highlands

Almost as a rebuke to the approaching winter, Highlands Summer Festival is ready to sweep patrons into next summer and rekindle their love for live theatre with a fabulous line up of shows. The 2023 season was announced last Saturday by Artistic Producer Scot Denton and company president Brian Kipping. “It is always exciting to announce the productions we are preparing for next summer,” Denton said as he revealed the line up.

“We’re opening July 3 with a delightful musical comedy called *She Loves Me*. The musical tells the story of two young employees of a cosmetic store in Paris, who find love through a “lonely hearts” letter exchange. While love blossoms through the mail, their personal relationship at work is rocky. In the end, through song and music, love, of course, triumphs. “I think our audiences will find this to be a delightful story cleverly told,” Denton said.

The second show in the line up relates the story of a young man who has cycled across the continent only to arrive on the doorstep of his ninety-one-year-old grandmother. The title, *4000 Miles*, refers, not only to the journey he has just completed but as a metaphor to the generational distance that separates the two. Leo is in crisis, confused by an on-again, off-again romance, furious with his mother’s incessant meddling, and grieving deeply for his best friend and biking partner, Micah, who is recently deceased. As the play evolves, the two are surprised to find common ground that brings them together.

We welcome Dan Needles, a well-known playwright and performer to the Highlands Summer Festival stage with his comedic examination of life in rural Ontario as seen through the eyes of a newcomer from the

city. Needles will be joined on stage by musician Ian Bell, as he navigates the tricky and often contradictory cultural divide in *More Confessions from the Ninth Concession*.

Trapped in a loveless relationship that is headed nowhere, *Shirley Valentine* finally discovers the courage to break free and discover there is a totally different world waiting for her to enjoy. *Shirley Valentine* is an award-winning one-woman stage play that has delighted and inspired audiences since its

first debut.

Leisa Way is back with a new tribute to the music of folk singer Gordon Lightfoot. With the Wayward Wind Band, she will guide us through the many hit songs of this Canadian troubadour. Lovingly presented the show, called *Early Morning Rain*, will trigger memories of those special moments when the music of Gordon Lightfoot provided the soundtrack to our lives.

“There is nothing like being swept up in

a compelling story or moment that only live theatre can deliver,” Denton said. “The 2023 season is a wonderful opportunity to fall in love with live theatre again.

President Brian Kipping noted, “Season passes with a ticket to all five shows are now on sale for \$175. That is almost like getting five shows for the price of four. Season pass holders also get first chance at selecting their seats.”

Single tickets, at \$40, go on sale after the season pass blitz, on Jan. 31, 2023.

Passes and tickets can be ordered online at www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca by phone 705-457-9933 or 855-457-9933 or by mail to Highlands Summer Festival, Box 938, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0

“A season pass makes a great Christmas gift for someone special who loves live theatre or as a treat for yourself,” Kipping added.

A reminder that all donors to the Highlands Summer Festival, a registered charity, are rewarded with front of the line service, recognition in the program and on our website at www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca, a receipt that can be used for income tax purposes, an opportunity to vote at the company’s AGM and the satisfaction of supporting one of the most vibrant summer theatre companies in Central Ontario. Donations are accepted online when purchasing season passes or tickets, or your cheque can be mailed to: Highlands Summer Festival, Box 938, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0.

“On behalf of everyone at the Festival, I invite you to join us next summer and fall in love with live theatre all over again,” Kipping concluded.

Submitted by Highlands Summer Festival



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Join the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association and help us to make a difference!

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Feds announce money for Indigenous business

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Digital literacy in business is crucial for success in today's marketplace.

To that end, the federal government announced a cash infusion Nov. 25 in Lindsay to help rural, remote, and Indigenous entrepreneurs learn the tools necessary for success.

Filomena Tassi, the minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario), announced more than \$1-million for economic growth and job creation through the Jobs and Growth Fund.

It's for the Pinnguaq Association to adapt its digital literacy training tools to support businesses and underrepresented job-seekers in Indigenous communities in southeastern Ontario.

The training will focus on the regions of Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough, and Hastings, including Treaty 20 and Williams Treaty Nations.

The Pinnguaq Association is a not-for-profit organization working with rural, remote and Indigenous communities to ensure they have the support needed to develop digital literacy and skills needed to position them for success.

“By providing the necessary tools and resources to Indigenous people businesses and organizations, we're giving everyone an opportunity to succeed,” Tassi said.

“These internships, job placements, and training will increase Indigenous participation in the economy and drive economic growth in local communities.”

According to a government release, Indigenous businesses, organizations and workers are vital contributors to Canada's economy and our nation's rich culture. But entrepreneurs and job seekers need the required tools and resources to start and grow their businesses or search for employment.

Through the two-year project, businesses will be supported and Indigenous job-seekers will receive training to strengthen their digital abilities from basic computer skills to digital marketing and communications. The training will include website and graphic design to prepare them for employment.

Individuals will also participate in internship opportunities, job placements, and targeted recruitment activities.

That will be valuable on-the-job experience to prepare for future employment. The project is expected to support 60 Indigenous businesses with funding to support up to 120 internships and job placements.

“The Pinnguaq Association is delighted by the support for this program,” said Ryan Oliver, CEO at the association.

“It is our honour to be able to co-deliver these opportunities with Indigenous communities and businesses in both settler communities and Indigenous Nations on Treaty 20 and Williams Treaty land.”

Youth Nights give kids a chance to ‘just be themselves’

by AMANDA DUNCOMBE-LEE
Special to the Times

The school gym at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden is a flurry of activities and laughter every Monday night. On average, about 60-70 youth from grades 5-8 attend a free youth program created by Minden OPP Officer Robin Carmount, where they can play games of their choice, socialize, listen to music, and leave their worries behind.

“It’s a night where kids just do what they want. It’s unstructured. I have a bin of stuff they can use. There’s floor hockey, dodgeball...they just run around for an hour and a half. Over the past couple of years basketball has turned into a big thing,” said Carmount.

The winner of this year’s Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Highlander of Year award, Carmount first started the local youth program back in 2015. “I was coaching Stanhope soccer at the time, my kids were that kind of that age, and there was nothing in the community for kids to do. I had run a similar program up north [in White River] before coming here, at the elementary school,” he said.

Five years ago, the program expanded to Wilberforce. It runs every Thursday night at Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre with an average of about 25-30 kids from grades 4-8 attending.

The program receives funding from the Kin Club of Minden and Rotary Club of Minden, in-kind support from the schools, and volunteer support from the OPP Auxiliary and community volunteers. Carmount welcomes donations from the community to help support the program. High

school students needing volunteer hours are also welcome to volunteer.

Youth attending give an optional donation of one dollar and then help decide as a group where to donate the collected funds. Carmount said that since the program first started in Minden, approximately \$4000 has been raised that goes directly back to local charities and families in need. Recipients have included the school breakfast program, flood relief, daycares, hospitals, housing organizations and animal shelters.

Jackie Smith has spent two years volunteering with the program. “It’s had a huge impact on the kids. It’s a spot where they can just be themselves,” she said. “There are structured rules, but no agenda...it’s just, come together with all the friends that make you feel like a kid again, even the adults.”

“It’s important because it’s a night to have a sheltered environment without an attached bill or invoice,” said Smith. “There’s so much stuff out there that’s available for kids, but there are barriers in transportation, funding, etc...everything comes with a cost. Even the arena, if you want to play basketball, it’s a cost. We seem to forget that’s why there’s not that buy-in, because parents are afraid to say, this is too much for me.”

Several summers ago, Carmount also started a free summer sailing program, the Haliburton County Youth Sailing Association, for local youth. The community-driven program is supported by donations, and runs through the Red Umbrella Inn in Minden, and from Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton’s dock in Wilberforce. Carmount is looking for more volunteers to support the popular program.

“We’re in the confidence building business,” said Carmount. “It’s not always about the sailing. You have kids show up, they’re afraid or nervous, and then after doing it...they start having fun and aren’t nervous anymore. Just to put this in their toolbox, and by the end of the year, they have their bronze certificate for sailing, is such a cool thing. They all love it.”

“Robin never gives up,” said Smith. “He always has a smile on his face...it’s that attitude and due diligence that really pulls it through. He always thinks, ‘how can I give back, and just let the kids be kids.’ I’m honoured to be part of it.”

Carmount’s newest project is building a roadside bookstore out of a donated 32-foot wooden boat in Carnarvon as a fundraiser for the youth nights and sailing club. He hopes it will be ready by summer.

For more information about the youth nights or sailing program, or if you would like to donate or volunteer, email Robin at mindoverwater2019@gmail.com.

Canoe-FM Blues DJ Honoured

Toronto Blues Society tips hat to local broadcaster at Maple Blues Awards

Haliburton resident and Canadian blues promoter/DJ Patrick Monaghan has been named Blues Booster of the Year by the board of directors of Toronto Blues Society. Monaghan, who has for over 40 years immersed himself in the music scene as a fan, researcher, promoter and radio host, is well known as one of the biggest supporters of Canadian blues musicians through his travels and on his radio show *The Buckslide Blues Cruise* on Canoe-FM.

Derek Andrews, President of Toronto Blues Society said “A champion enthusiast like few others, Patrick Monaghan is a classic Blues Booster. Canoe FM is lucky to have Patrick as an advocate, as are all blues musicians who benefit from his passion.”

In addition to his radio programming, Monaghan is the President of the newly formed Highlands Buckslide Blues Society, has volunteered as Artistic Director for the Monarchs & Music Blues Festival in Haliburton, followed by becoming the Assistant Artistic Director for the Stonebridge Wasaga Beach Blues Festival, talent buyer for McKeck’s Tavern in Haliburton, and Mulligan’s in Minden, Ontario.

“I would like to thank the Toronto Blues Society for choosing me for this prestigious award.

I am honoured and thrilled to receive the Blues Booster of the Year Award,” said Monaghan. “I would also like to thank my peers, colleagues and the blues community for their support. Many kind and helpful people have helped me along the way. About four years ago, I was diagnosed with a serious illness, again many members of the blues community stepped up to the plate ready to help in any way that they could. I am very grateful for their efforts. I consider my job as ‘keeping The Blues Alive’ but the last few years the blues have been keeping me alive!”

Patrick Monaghan will receive the Blues Booster of the Year award at the 26th annual Maple Blues Awards gala on January 30th, 2023 at Koerner Hall in Toronto.

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"I'm a senior on a pension, and I rarely have enough money to get me through the month. At times, my fridge and freezer are empty, and my supper is toast and tea. Having SIRCH meals makes all the difference to me. The meals are always healthy, made with real meat and vegetables. It's safe to say that I might not be here without them."



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Abbey Gardens Holiday Night Market: bigger and better

by JERELYN CRADEN
Special to the Times

It's a market. It's a Food Hub. It's a café. An organic garden. A magical forest. A home to chickens and ponies. It's hiking trails. Educational displays. Local businesses. It's a caring, sharing, not-for-profit charity. It's a myriad of life-generating things. And on Dec. 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. it's the 2nd annual Abbey Gardens Holiday Night Market aimed at being bigger and better.

"Last year, our first holiday night market was extremely successful," Ashley McAllister, Director of Operations, said. "We were expecting 150 people and more than 700 showed up. We were lucky that it was held outside, because we had the room to spread out. This year, we're expanding things to make better use of the property and to offer even more of a great festive experience."

When visitors pull into the parking lot, they will be drawn to the illuminated entrance in the distance. Upon signing in at the registration table, they will be given a map of the property that clearly shows three locations where various activities will be taking place. Admission is by donation.

Three locations

1. The Event Tent will be robust with 24 local artists and vendors greeting visitors, and sharing information about their work and



the special items they have made for holiday gift-giving. "We have a wide variety of items for sale including kids clothing, jewelry, baked goods, Christmas ornaments and décor in our heated tent," McAllister emphasized. "It'll be nice and warm in there."

2. Café at the Food Hub will offer something especially festive this year that is geared for adults: coffee cocktails including hot tod-

The annual Christmas market is taking place at Abbey Gardens this Saturday, Dec. 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be sweet treats, vendors, and custom drinks created by Haliburton Highlands Brewing. /Photo submitted by Ashley McAllister

(HHB) will be open, offering wine, beer, and cider plus other festive treats. HHB is an award-winning micro-brewery producing handcrafted, premium ales as fresh and natural as the Highlands that inspire them.

Caroling by the Highlands Harmony Choir

An absolute delight of the night will be the uplifting voices of the 43 member, Highlands Harmony Choir, led by director, Laurel McCauley. "It's going to be lots of fun!" she said. *Jingle Bells*, *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer*, and the Leonard Cohen version of *Hallelujah* will be among the choir's heart-warming musical treats.

Warning: The joy they feel singing together is contagious, so if you plan on coming to the event, get ready to feel great.

Abbey Gardens big fundraiser

Abbey Gardens Holiday Night Market is a big fundraiser for its Sprouts to Snacks food-focused kids' program in partnership with local elementary schools. Children learn all about food, from planting, growing, and harvesting to cooking healthy food. "We did this program before COVID hit," McAllister said, "and now we're trying to do a hybrid program in partnership with the school board. We're hoping to roll it out for the next school year. Proceeds from the event will go towards buying supplies and bussing for kids and covers all of the program's expenses."

For more information about Abbey Gardens Holiday Night Market visit: www.abbeygardens.ca or visit their Facebook page at facebook.com/abbeygrows.

dies and Irish coffee. Savoury favourites for the whole family will also be offered: Wood-fired pizza, mac and cheese, and poutine.

Plus, ambient, warming fire pits will be set up at the Food Hub.

The Food Hub will also be open for shopping. Keep an eye out for some great Abbey Gardens gift baskets.

Also new this year, "We're setting up a little tree farm at the Food Hub," McAllister said. "There will be a drive-through station where people can come, pick their tree, and then pick it up on their way out after the market."

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Answers on page 14

We're Back!!

Highlands Christmas Shindig

The Highlands Christmas Shindig returns with a fun night of entertainment at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

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The entertainment line-up includes: Drew Allen, a Dramatic presentation by Kate Butler and David Zilstra; Classical music presentation by Tom Regina and Melissa Stephens; the band, "The Recycled Teenagers" folk singer Jeff Moulton; ballet excerpt from the Nutcracker by Heritage Ballet; and Skyline Ballet; folk singer Jodi Timgren; and the band "Gord Kidd and Friends".

Decisions, decisions, decisions...

by **SHAWN CHAMBERLIN**
Special to the Times

With so much excellent talent available, it is more difficult than ever to make decisions on which artist(s) to select for a concert series for the Haliburton Folk Society or for a venue, like the Dominion Hotel. I'm sure some of you who attend a show are naturally curious, as I am, about the selection process. And, many of you will or have been faced with making a decision to fill a spot for a wedding or special event. How do you pick? It is a high risk duty, and no one wants to be left holding the bag of a show that is a flop.

In this essay, I'll share with you five tests I use in evaluating an artist for a show. These are by no means complete, but a good beginning.

Before you start evaluating any performer, set your objectives for the show you are booking. What are you trying to accomplish? Is it a 'get people out' kind of event? Are you looking for background music? Or, maybe you want to drive people to the dance floor to participate. Is it a more mature audience looking for a "listening" experience? Are you filling an afternoon with music or only a cocktail hour? Are your guests sitting or walking around? What are your financial goals for the event? Write your objectives out on a piece of paper and refer to them during the testing process.

1. Money. Right off the top; can you afford to do this particular show? Are artist fees within your budget? Can you sell enough tickets to raise enough to pay the artist? There is a reason we don't have Eric Clapton or Kelly Clarkson appearing at any venues in our county. Musicians have expenses that need to be covered. Travel, accommodations and food are top of the list. The investments they've made in instruments and their upkeep often need to be considered. And, they need some financial recognition for the hours of rehearsal and setup they spend on a show. Remember, that while you may have showed up at 7 p.m. for a two hour show, the artist likely arrived early afternoon and won't get home until the middle of the night.



2. Size of show. Are the performer's stage requirements within reason for your event and for your venue? We would love to book Blue Rodeo for the Dominion Hotel, but with their stage requirements and the size of our room, we would only be able to sell a dozen or so tickets. That would be an expensive ticket! Most artists will provide you with a stage plot and requirements so that you can anticipate their space needs and plan accordingly.

3. Genre. Matching the style of music with your audience is very important. While it can be fun to 'stretch' the tastes of your audience, you don't want to stretch too much. Don't book a Led Zeppelin cover band for an afternoon event that should be cellos and violins. It always pays to audition the artist using your audience's ears. This was time consuming and logistically challenging only a few years ago. Today, most artists have performance videos and recorded songs on their websites that should show them at their best. Take the time to watch and listen to

these to ensure it is what you are looking for.

4. Performance is very important to consider. Check out the artist's videos to see how they "look" on stage. Are they good musicians? Do you like how they dress? Do they make horrible distracting faces when they sing? Do they show confidence in themselves and in their music? In a regular concert, between one third and one half the time is "tween time." Check into their song "setups." Do they tell good stories and entertain when they aren't singing? Or, do they turn backs to the audience and have discus-

There are many decisions that need to be made when planning a show, including finances, genre, performance style, and much more. /File photo

sions with the rest of their band while you are watching and waiting? Are they professional? Are they fun to watch? I have produced many shows where the quality of the music was acceptable, but the artist was such an entertainer and they engaged the whole audience. On leaving the room, everyone commented on what fantastic performers these individuals were.

5. Feeling. One foundation for the arts is emotion. It is usually an emotional time in an artist's life that yields the most creativity. Do they share that emotion with an audience and mesmerize them? How does the artist make you feel? Because, if you feel something special, so will your audience.

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Farming sparks a revolution in youth

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Times Staff

Farming as a revolution. That’s the concept of the film *Food for the Rest of Us*, presented at the Haliburton School of Art + Design on Nov. 24. The documentary was presented for the local community in collaboration with Abbey Gardens, Fleming College, Sticks and Stones Media, and the local public schools. “It is such an inspirational film and the messaging is so youth empowering,” said Irene Heaven, education coordinator for Abbey Gardens, “I really wanted to have it here for our youth and community to view.”

The film centers around the varying ways in which youth are exploring different approaches to alternative farming and connecting with the land. From an indigenous-owned, organic farm in Hawaii, to an Inuit community adapting to climate change, *Food for the Rest of Us* highlights the growing questions and concerns surrounding the future of agriculture in an ever-changing world.

Caroline Cox, director and co-producer of the film, is a graduate of Fleming College’s Eco Management Technology course. Shortly after graduating college, Cox moved to the Northwest Territories to explore her passion for music, before shifting her focus to become a self-taught cinematographer and editor.

“[Cox] became inspired by the connection between land and food when she was living off-the-grid, seven hours outside of Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories. Being in a relationship with seasonal food sources sparked Caroline to create TV



Film director and Fleming College alumni Caroline Cox spoke to viewers after the showing of *Food for the Rest of Us*, presented at Haliburton School of Art and Design on Nov. 24. /EMILY STONEHOUSE, staff



Food For The Rest of Us is a documentary created by Caroline Cox, with a focus on sustainable, youth-lead food initiatives around the world. /Submitted

shows such as *Wild Kitchen* and CBC’s series *NorthernHer*,” said Heaven in her introduction to the screening.

Heaven initially saw them film through the national network, Edible Education Community of Practice. Upon viewing, Heaven and her Abbey Gardens colleague, Susan Roscoe, were incredibly moved, and started facilitating the necessary means to show the film in Haliburton. “We had a couple of meetings with the principal of (Haliburton Highlands Secondary School) HHSS and (J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School) JDH to see if they would be interested in having their students view this film and came away with their support,” said Heaven.

After watching the film together, Heaven was thrilled that the students not only seemed engaged with the concept, but had a plethora of questions and comments, resulting in a healthy dialogue and conversation. Cox flew in for the view-

ings, and was able to engage in the rapport with viewers of all ages. In total, over 600 individuals viewed the film during the mini-tour of the Haliburton Highlands and Lindsay.

“The film is layered with so many important issues. I was really moved with how all of these issues were tied to a relationship with food and where that food comes from and it was a powerful and inspirational piece of work ... it gave an overall feel of empowering people, particularly young people,” said Heaven.

One major reason that Heaven was initially drawn to this film was as it aligned with the “Sprouts to Snacks” program; a collaborative program run between Abbey Gardens, Food for Kids, and Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES). The concept was that Abbey Gardens staff would work in collaboration with students at ASES to educate and support sustainable gardening practices. The students had their own garden at Abbey Gardens, with all the fruits and veggies harvested going right back to the students, their friends, and their families. “The goal, to provide students a ‘full circle’ experiential opportunity to learn, appreciate and enjoy being a part of where their food comes from,” said Heaven.

The program was halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Heaven hopes to bring it back for kids in the community, not only at ASES, but including JDH and other schools if there is interest. All proceeds from the film viewings went back into the Sprouts and Snacks program at Abbey Gardens.

Heaven believes that the film has ignited a spark in young people, and hopes this spark will continue into the future. “I wanted viewers to become excited and get a sense that they can make a difference through respect, and taking responsibility and control over their choices, in particular in relation to each other, their food, and aspects in our lives that affect climate change,” she said.



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The fees and charges amendments being proposed are related to the following departments:

- a) Parks, Recreation and Trails
- b) Environmental (Landfill Services)
- c) Public Works – (Cemetery and Airport Services)

For further information please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk.

Please Note: Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, public participation in meetings of Council, remains virtual at this time. Members of the Public are invited to observe the Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link which can be found on the published Council Meeting Agenda on the Township’s website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Dated: November 30th, 2022

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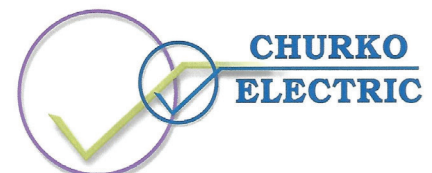
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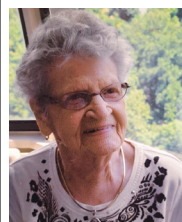
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Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 Friday morning, November 25, 2022, for a Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). At the family's request, please wear a mask. Spring Interment Ingoldsby Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation or the Watch Tower and Bible Tract Society of Canada would be appreciated by the family.

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Celebration Of Life

A Celebration of Jean's life will take place in the Spring of 2023. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 1:00 until 3:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

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Supreme Court quashes Stanhope by-law

At the regular council meeting held in Stanhope township on Wednesday December 7, Clerk Gerald Bain read a letter from the municipal solicitor informing Council that the Supreme Court of Ontario had quashed By-Law 80-19 that had been passed by the Stanhope Council in 1980. As a result of a judicial review the judges decided

that a township cottager had not received compensation for the closing of the road allowance adjacent to his property. Council had stopped up and closed the road allowance to vehicular traffic because of complaints by a neighbour and because the council felt that a rear entrance provided adequate access to the property. The Court found

no bias on the part of the council but ruled that the road allowance had provided an historical and convenient means of access and that the rear entrance did not provide sufficient access.

Other business

In other business Council agreed to increase the

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Colleges face challenges Pascal tells meeting

Ontario's Community colleges are facing a future full of challenges and change. That was the message Charles Pascal, president of Sir Sandford Fleming College, brought to a luncheon meeting Thursday at the Wig-A-Mog Inn.

In planning for the future, the president told the gathering, his college is interested in the ideas and concerns of the community it serves, which includes Haliburton County.

Pascal described how the 1980's had become, what he called, the "decade of accountability". He told the meeting, "There is a great deal of pressure on the college to do what we do well. We must demonstrate that we can."

He noted that in the past too much energy was being expended on complaining about the cutbacks in funding rather than finding creative ways to meet that challenge. He said the colleges of the province, and all institutions of learning would have to learn to live in a "six and five world".

"The recent downturn in the economy has resulted in an upturn in enrolment at the college," he told the group. A large portion of this growth has been the result of individuals returning to school from the workforce. "This college is a new opportunity institution for those requiring retraining or updating," he noted.

Pascal said that Sir Sandford Fleming College had achieved a seven percent growth in efficiency each year for several years. For this improvement to continue into the future, however, he noted that creative and constructive planning is needed.

He told the gathering that the college had established a strategic planning committee which was examining the options for the college five years into the future and beyond. That examination is based on the premise that the college should provide the highest quality education possible to the greatest number of people.

He cautioned however, "the college can not be all

things to all people." He said the college had to concentrate on its strengths. He listed the school of natural resources, the centre for integrated manufacturing, greater emphasis on hospitality training and tourism and the soon to be started school of criminal justice as four areas of concentration.

Pascal also paid special tribute to the Haliburton Highlands School of Fine Arts, sponsored by the college and based in Haliburton. He said the school was an important institution "for today and tomorrow". He said the school provided individuals with an opportunity for a life-long learning experience. "I was thrilled to walk into a classroom at the high school during the summer," he told the audience, "and see a surgeon from Toronto carving a decoy. Not only was he learning to do some-

thing different with his hands, he is enjoying an interesting change from his regular work and sharing the relaxed atmosphere with his family."

The college president said this sort of opportunity should be enhanced.

Pascal called on the audience and those throughout the Highlands to assist the college in charting its future. He said there was a greater need for informal dialogue. In response to this need he said the college must improve its communications with the people it serves, both in telling them about the goals, but also the results of those efforts.

He asked the community to provide suggestions on how the college could reach its goals in times of restraint. He suggested that inter-

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Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Lyle McKnight receives the Haliburton County chain of office from secretary-clerk treasurer Win Lahay during inaugural ceremonies Tuesday night. McKnight was chosen by a unanimous vote, to be the county's next Warden for 1984. He was unopposed for the office.

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Dagmar Boettcher**
457-5968

Minden Home

- 3 Bedroom Home on 48 Acres
- Many Outbuildings and Open Meadow
- 10 Minutes to Minden
- Home Needs Work, Sold "As Is"



Andy Campbell
854-0292

Now is the Time!

- \$499,000, Hwy #35
- To see this property
- To appreciate the expanse of 98 acres
- No leaves, Unimpeded views



Gloria Carnochan* &
Breen Budel*
754-1932

Kennisis Lake \$3,875,000

- 4 Beds / 3 Bath Home or Ctg w/ 255ft frontage
- Detached 2 Car Grg, Waters Edge Flagstone Firepit
- Games Rm, Home Gym, Elaborate Lakeside Deck
- Additional 2.3 Acres Available for Purchase



Mark Denny*
457-0473

Haliburton Condominium \$699,900

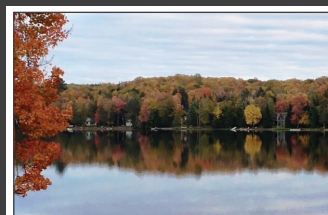
- 1236 Sq Ft, 3rd Flr, 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath, A/C
- Large Balcony w/ Entertainment Space/Views
- Head Lake (5 Lake Chain), Move-in Ready
- Underground Parking, Close to Walking Trails



Tom Ecclestone*
286-2138 x 226

Minden Home \$399,000

- 2 Beds / 1 Bath, 700+ Sq Ft
- All New Windows, Siding, Electrical & More!
- Totally Renovated From Top to Bottom
- Close to Town for All Amenities!



Lindsay Elder**
457-5878

Listings Wanted!

- If you're thinking of selling...CALL ME!
- Strike while the market is hot!



Melanie Hevesi**
854-1000

Find me now at 35 & 118

- Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist
- Thinking about selling in today's market?
- Call ME TODAY!



Andrew Hodgson**
286-2138 x 229

Irondale River \$499,000

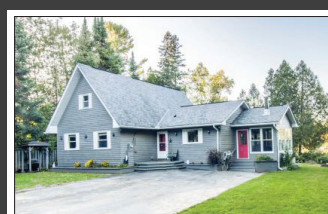
- 4-season waterfront home or cottage
- Enjoy 300+ feet of frontage with western exp
- Updated interior with 3 bedrooms & 1 bath
- Updated bunkie for overflow & large shed



Susanne James* &
Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 133

Miskwabi Lake

- 4-season cottage on awesome 2-lake chain
- Clean, deep, big lake view, western sun
- Year-round Municipal road access, 20 mins from Haliburton Village



Ashley McKeigue
705-854-1833

Kashagawigamog Lk \$1,675,000

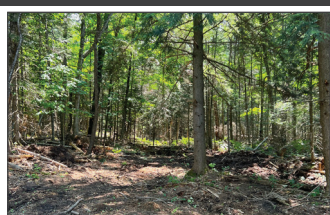
- Year-round home or cottage close to town
- 3 bedrooms, 3 baths across 3 finished levels
- 1 bedroom, 1 bath loft over new 2-car garage
- 100' of frontage with sunset exp & sand beach!



Donna McCallum*
455-2054

Saskatchewan Lake

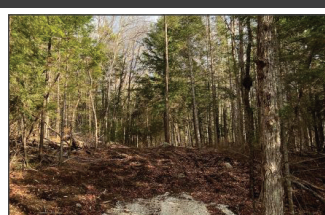
- 2 Beds / 1 Bath, 800 Sq Ft
- 344ft of Flat, Level Shoreline
- Bunkie for Overflow Guests
- The Perfect Traditional Cottage Getaway!



Brandon Nimigon***
457-2128 x 127

Building Lot \$238,000

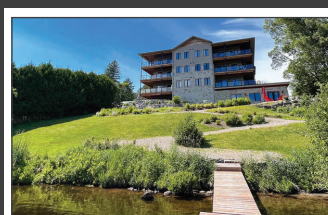
- 290ft of Frtg, Close Proximity to Eagle Lk
- Nicely Treed 2.6 Acre Parcel
- Off Grid Property, Driveway Roughed In
- Abutting Properties For Sale!



Karen Nimigon*
457-6505

Building Lot \$288,000

- Nicely Treed 2.4 Acre Lot in Eagle Lake
- Located Under 20 Minutes to Haliburton Village
- Currently Off Grid, Quiet Location
- 2 Abutting Parcels For Sale



Kelly Kay*
705-457-6841
Kirsten Rae*
705-854-1454

Haliburton Condo \$695,000

- Luxurious waterfront condo in Haliburton
- 1117 sq ft, 2 bath, 2 bedrooms plus den/office
- Many upgrades plus incredible water views from every room!



Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Thinking About Selling?

- This is the time to think about listing
- Listings Needed!
- Call today for more information



Christine Sharp*
705-489-9968

Investment Opportunity! \$495,000

- 5 Bdrm/2 Bath, 2200 Sq Ft
- 1.6 Acre, Features Legal Duplex
- Desirable Area Btwn Carnarvon & Haliburton
- Many Upgrades, Needs Finishing Touches!



Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 128

Beautiful Country Home \$699,000

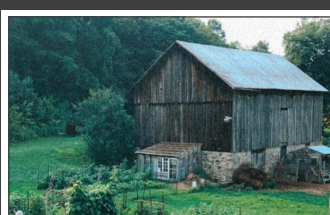
- 3 Beds / 2 Bath, 1800 Sq Ft
- 1.39 Acres, Huge Pond w/Sand Beach Area
- Detached 17x30 Garage/Workshop
- Access to Clement Lake Boat Launch



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 232

Bethel Road \$599,900

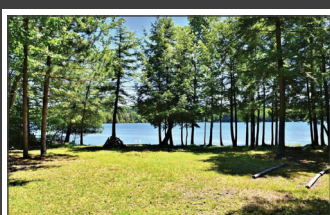
- Incredible 194-acre parcel 5 mins from Minden
- Long gated driveway- private, cleared building site
- Large frontage on picturesque Walker's Pond
- Trails throughout to explore, teaming with wildlife



Lindsay Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 223

Gooderham Home \$759,900

- 3 Bedrooms / 1 Bathroom, 1400+ Sq Ft
- Sits on 2.96 Acres, Cutest Little Hobby Farm!
- Beautiful Gardens & Very Well Maintained Barn



Andrea Wilson**
705-457-6694

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- Call me to discuss your options in this active market.

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